

done by my incestuous friends.
if the book makes any money,
maybe i can afford another ex-wife.

WHY OUR SPECIES HAS SURVIVED

i notice that
whenever i give my little boy
a cookie or cracker or handful of popcorn
to feed the pigeons
he eats it.

THE FOURTH VOLUME OF THE SNOPE'S TRILOGY

an associated press story, datelined carson city,
reports a gift of 700 dollars
from the "lords of sin" motorcycle club
to the eagle valley children's home.
the gift certificate and other presents
were delivered by 13 bikers on their choppers.

jan parks, eagle valley nursing director,
was quoted as saying, "the kids love it.
after all, how many santas are the leader
of a motorcycle gang."

"we do it mainly for the kids," (*italics mine*)
said bryan corey, lords of iron president,
who played santa.

the visit "helps show the public
we're not always (*italics mine*)
running around hurting people," he added.
"we also (*italics mine*) have a soft spot."

WHIP WITHOUT CARROT

in the same delivery i received
my estimated tax forms
and a summons to jury duty.

i searched the rest of the mail
but couldn't find
my good citizen certificate.

-- Gerald Locklin

Long Beach CA